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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMARA  
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

ITEM NO: 5

DATE: 26 FEB 74

SUBJECT: GRECHKO'S ARMED FORCES DAY SPEECH

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THE FULL TEXT OF SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO'S REMARKS ON SOVIET ARMED FORCES DAY (FEBRUARY 23) IS NOW AVAILABLE. THE TEXT DOES NOT INDICATE THAT GRECHKO AND BREZHNEV ARE LOCKED IN BATTLE OVER DEFENSE POLICY, AS SUGGESTED BY VICTOR ZORZA IN TODAY'S POST. IN FACT, WHEN COMPARED WITH HIS ARTICLE ON THIS SAME OCCASION LAST YEAR, GRECHKO IS MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE THAN HE WAS THEN. HE PRAISED BREZHNEV PERSONALLY THIS YEAR, SOMETHING HE HAS NEVER DONE BEFORE ON ARMED FORCES DAY. GRECHKO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT SOVIET

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DEFENSE EFFORT. HE SAID THE DANGER OF THE OUTBREAK OF WAR HAS BEEN "SHARPLY LIMITED" AND THAT "REAL PREREQUISITES" EXIST FOR ENSURING A STABLE PEACE. HE NOTED THAT "IMPORTANT POSITIVE CHANGES" HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE WORLD ARENA RECENTLY, THANKS LARGELY TO THE USSR'S PEACE PROGRAM AND BREZHNEV'S DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES.

GRECHKO WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NATURE OF "IMPERIALISM" REMAINS UNCHANGED AND THAT "REACTIONARY CIRCLES" ARE OPPOSING THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND INTENSIFYING THE ARMS RACE. THIS, HE SAID, IS THE REASON WHY THE SOVIET UNION IS "DISPLAYING AN UNFLAGGING CONCERN FOR THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING" OF ITS DEFENSE CAPABILITY AND THE MIGHT OF ITS ARMED FORCES. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES NOW HAVE "EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ROUT ANY AGGRESSOR," THE SAME LINE THAT HE TOOK IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE MOST RECENT ISSUE OF NOVEMBER-KOMMUNIST. E-2 IMPDET.

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